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SUBJECT: TURKISH MFA RELEASES STATEMENT ON NEW U.S.
INITIATIVE ON IRANIAN NUCLEAR ISSUE

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¶1. (U) Following our conversations with Turkish officials yesterday on the new USG initiative on Iran (reftel), the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) released a supportive statement on June 1.

¶2. (U) Text of MFA statement. Unofficial translation. Begin text.

The U.S. has announced that it is ready to participate in multiparty negotiations if Iran completely suspends, in a confirmable way, the uranium enrichment activities that are part of its nuclear program.

Our country has always provided its utmost support to the efforts conducted by the international community in order to find a diplomatic solution to the above mentioned problem.

We believe that responding to the U.S. proposal positively will strengthen the efforts displayed by the international community in finding a diplomatic solution to the problem which is linked with the Iranian nuclear program; will establish confidence and dialogue among the parties; and will contribute to regional and international security and stability.

We hope that our neighbor Iran, as well as other interested parties, will value this opportunity and take steps that will enhance the efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the problem. End text.

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